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ATTN OF: Office of Air, Water and Radiation Protection Policy and Guidance: Vázquez: 67629

SUBJECT:

Advance Notice, "Approaches to an Integrated Framework for Management and Disposal of Low-Activity Radioactive Waste" for Review and Comment

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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on November 18, 2003 published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) requesting public comment on possible approaches for disposing of waste with low concentrations of radioactivity, to promote a more consistent waste disposal framework, and possibly rely on RCRA-C disposal technology (68 FR 65120; available at the Department of Energy (DOE) Environmental Policy and Guidance Web site at <<http://www.eh.doe.gov/oepa/rules>>).

A key waste management consideration being addressed in the ANPRM is the dual regulation of low activity mixed waste (LAMW). However, the rule or guidance that may be developed may address all low activity waste including waste derived from a wide variety of other sources with relatively low concentrations of residual radioactivity. Examples of such wastes include waste from the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP), technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive materials (TENORM) and wastes from Superfund cleanups.

Please review this notice and submit any comments and suggestions you may have by February 27, 2004, to Gus Vázquez of my staff at: [gustavo.vazquez@eh.doe.gov](mailto:gustavo.vazquez@eh.doe.gov); 202-586-7629 so that a consolidated DOE response to EPA can be prepared. Questions concerning this ANPRM should be directed to Mr. Vázquez.



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